

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As stated above, Applicants elect Group I, drawn to a device for producing a concrete molded block, and respectfully traverse the requirement for restriction for the following reasons:

It is believed that any search for the invention embodied in Group I would necessarily include a search of the inventions embodied in Group II. Thus, the simultaneous search for all of the Groups is believed not to constitute an unreasonable search for the Patent Examiner.

In addition, it is believed that the objectives of streamlined examination and compact prosecution would be promoted if a search were conducted simultaneously for all of the Groups. Also, the necessity of filing multiple patent applications in this case does not serve to promote the public interest because of the extra expense that is involved, in filing fees and examination costs, as well as the burden upon the public due to the necessity of searching through a multiplicity of patent files in order to find the complete range of subject matter claimed in several different patents that could otherwise be found in one

issued patent only.

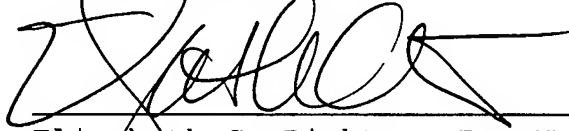
Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications for the non-elected invention.

The Examiner also stated that non-elected claim 29 is obvious over or anticipated by Baker or Saddler. Applicants respectfully traverse.

The general idea of a vibration process for molds for the production of molded concrete bricks has been long known. However, in the case of the present invention, what is essential, instead, is that during such a vibration process, current characteristics of the vibrating movement of the mold are determined. The particular feature of claim 29 is that the mold is divided into a mold frame and a mold insert, that values of the movement are measured for the mold frame, and for the mold insert and a difference value is derived from this.

For all these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 be withdrawn, and that an action on the merits of all the claims be rendered.

Respectfully submitted,
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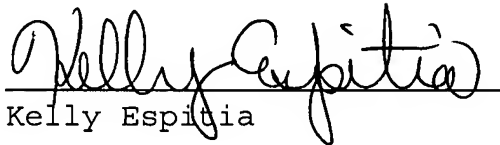


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